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FARM BILL PASSES HOUSE AG COMMITTEE – INCLUDES HERSETH SANDLIN AMENDMENTS

Bill Would Maintain Safety Net for Producers, Delay Closure of FSA Offices, Delay USDA County Office Closures

July 20, 2007, Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Stephane L. LeBeun

Importantly, the bill maintains a strong safety net for producers, while making a number of other important changes.

Rep. Herseth Sandlin said, “We have passed a strong, smart and fair Farm Bill that will help our farmers and ranchers.”

The committee also reached a framework agreement regarding country-of-origin labeling for meat and poultry.

The bill was agreed to late last night in the House Agriculture Committee and will be reported to the full House.

Amendments and provisions authored by Rep. Herseth Sandlin and added to the bill include:

Delay USDA County Office Closures

This amendment would prevent the Farm Service Agency, the Rural Development

Strengthen Sod saver

This amendment removed a provision from the bill that would have allowed local F

Access to Broadband Internet in Rural America

The Rural Development title includes Rep. Herseth Sandlin's legislation to improve

Beginning Farmers and Ranchers

The bill includes language sponsored by Rep. Herseth Sandlin and Rep. Tim Walz

Public Television Digital Transition Grant Program

This amendment to the Rural Development Title of the Farm Bill allows the Secret

Enzyme Feedstocks

This amendment broadens the technologies that are eligible for funding under the

Agronomist on the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory

This amendment directs the Secretary of Agriculture to include an individual on the

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